

Numidian language

Numidian, also known as **Old Libyan**, was the language of the Maesulians of the eastern part of ancient Numidia during the Pre-Roman era in northern Africa.

The language is scarcely attested and can be confidently identified only as belonging to the Afroasiatic family. As the Maesulians were ethnically Berber,^{[2][3]} it is supposed that East Numidian was therefore a Berber language.^[4] The Berber branch of Afro-Asiatic is sometimes called *Lybico-Berber* since it is not certain whether East Numidian would fall within the modern Berber languages or form a sister branch to them. Indeed, it is widely supposed that it constitutes a group of its own, as there is no trace of the noun-case system shared by the modern Berber languages. However, Proto-Berber is theorized to have no grammatical case either.

See also

- Punic-Libyan Inscription

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Numidian	
Old Libyan	
Native to	ancient Numidia and Africa
Ethnicity	Maesulians
Era	fl. ca. 200 BCE
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none">? Libyco-Berber<ul style="list-style-type: none">Numidian
Writing system	Libyco-Berber (Proto-Tifinagh)
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nxm
Linguist List	nxm (http://multitree.org/codes/nxm)
Glottolog	numi1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/numi1241) ^[1]

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